

January 5, 2007

Patricia Blevins, Treasurer Democratic State Committee Delaware P.O. Box 2065 Wilmington, DE 19899

Response Due Date: February 5, 2007

Identification Number: C00211763

Reference:

30 Day Post-General Report (10/19/06-11/27/06)

Dear Ms. Blevins:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above. An itemization of the information needed follows:

-The totals listed on Lines 6(c), 7, 11(a)(i), 11(a)(iii), 11(d), 19, 20, 21(a)(i), 21(a)(ii), 21(b), 21(c), 31 and 32, Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending balance of your 12 Day Pre-General Report. Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.

-Schedule A of your report discloses contributions from political committees that fail to include a full and/or recognizable name. Reporting only the name of the connected organization, abbreviating the name of the committee so it is unrecognizable, or using an indistinguishable acronym is inadequate. The following committee names from your report need further clarification: "IUPAT Poltical Action Together Poltical Committee."

Please amend your report to include the missing information. 11 CFR §§100.12, 102.14(c) and 104.3(a)(4)(ii)

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-Schedule A supporting Line(s) 11(c) of your report discloses a receipt(s) from "Citizens for Biden," "Carper for Senate" and "Tom Lantos for Congress Committee," which requires further clarification. For example, if this activity represents a transfer of funds, please indicate "transfer" on Schedule A supporting Line 11(c) of your report. If this activity represents a reimbursement for services provided to this committee, please indicate this on Schedule A supporting Line 15 of your report. Please amend your report to clarify the type of activity this receipt(s) represents.

-Schedule B supporting Line 30(b) of your report discloses a payment(s) for "Phone Calls," "TV Time" and "Canvassing Packets," which is categorized as Federal Election Activity and therefore, may require the disclosure of the candidate(s) this activity should be attributed to. Expenditures and disbursements for public communications that refer to a clearly identified candidate for Federal office and that promote, support, attack or oppose any candidate for Federal office, meet the definition of Federal Election Activity under 11 CFR §100.24 and should be disclosed on Schedule B for Line 30(b) along with the identity of the candidate(s).

Further, please be advised that public communications that meet the definition of Federal Election Activity and that also contain express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR §100.22, but do not meet the conditions of exempt activity, would constitute an in-kind contribution, an independent expenditure or a coordinated party expenditure and should be properly disclosed on a Schedule B, E or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25, as appropriate rather than on Schedule B for Line 30(b). Please clarify if this activity meets the definition of Federal Election Activity or if it contains express advocacy and amend your report to properly disclose this activity, if necessary.

-Please clarify all expenditures made for "Catering" and "Hall Rental" on Schedule(s) B. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B, E or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

-Schedule B of your report discloses reimbursements to individuals for "GOTV Event Costs." Please be advised that when itemizing reimbursements to individuals for goods or services, if the payment to the original vendor aggregates \$200 or more in a calendar year, a memo entry including the name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and purpose of the original purchase must be provided. Please amend your report to include the missing information and clearly identify

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on the Schedule B, which reimbursement each memo entry relates to. If itemization is not necessary, you must indicate so in an amendment to this report. 11 CFR §300.36(b), and Advisory Opinions 1992-1 and 1996-20, footnote 3

-On Schedule H4, your allocated activity or event year-to-date total calculations for the Administrative category are incorrect. Allocated activity or event year-to-date totals for administrative, voter drive, exempt activity costs and expenses for public communications made by PACs referencing only political parties are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year for each separate category. Allocated activity or event year-to-date totals for fundraising and direct candidate support activities are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year within a specific event. These should be calculated by adding the latest disbursement for a category or event to the previous event year-to-date total for that category or event. This running event year-to-date total should be disclosed after each disbursement is listed. Please amend your report by providing the correct event year-to-date totals.

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Event Costs." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Schedule H4 of your report discloses payments to "DJ Freeze Productions," "Doubletree Hotel," "Pathmark," "Costco Wholesale," "Einstein Bros Bagels," "Fulton Paper," "Home Depot" and "Walmart," which are categorized as Administrative expenses; however, the purposes of disbursement disclosed are "DJ," "Event Costs" and "Event Supplies." Please be advised that payments made for your committee's fundraising activities must be allocated according to the funds received method and the ratio reflected on Schedule H2. Please amend your report to clarify the appropriate category for this activity or provide clarifying information regarding this apparent discrepancy.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the

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committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1397.

Sincerely, . Mwww. Melissa Meyer

Campaign Finance Analyst Reports Analysis Division

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